

**Remarks**

Claims 1-11 were pending in this application. Applicants elect Examiner's Group I (claims 1-8), drawn to a transgenic plant transformed with a HIO102 gene encoding SEQ ID NO: 2 and method of transforming a plant with said sequence.

**Conclusion**

It is believed that the application is in condition for substantive examination. If any minor matters remain to be addressed prior to examination, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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